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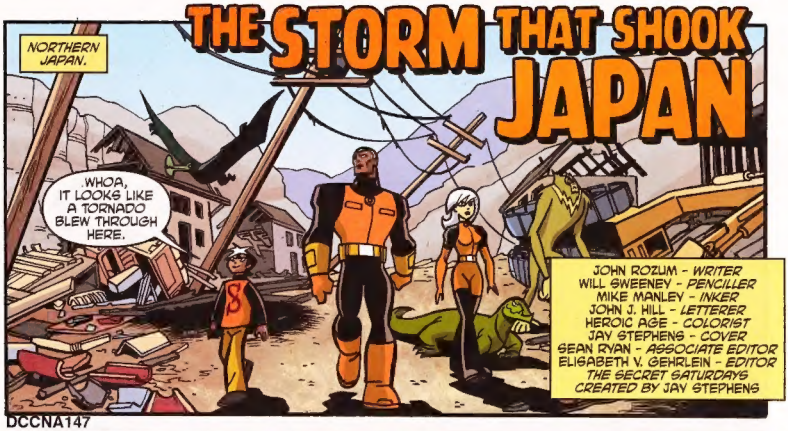
NORTHERN JAPAN.
THE STORM THAT SHOOK JAPAN
WHOA, IT LOOKS LIKE A TORNADO BLEW THROUGH HERE.
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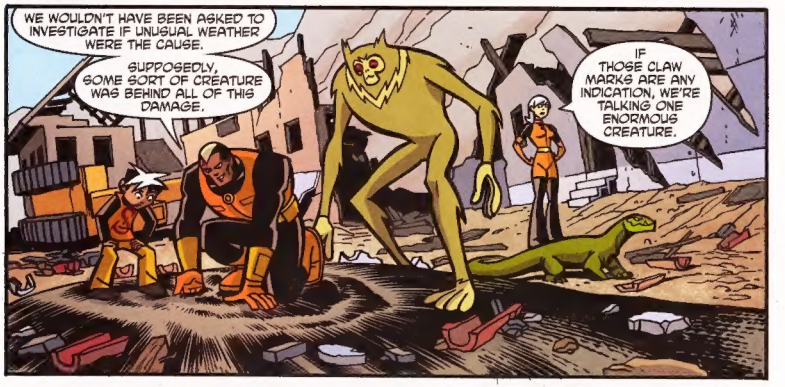
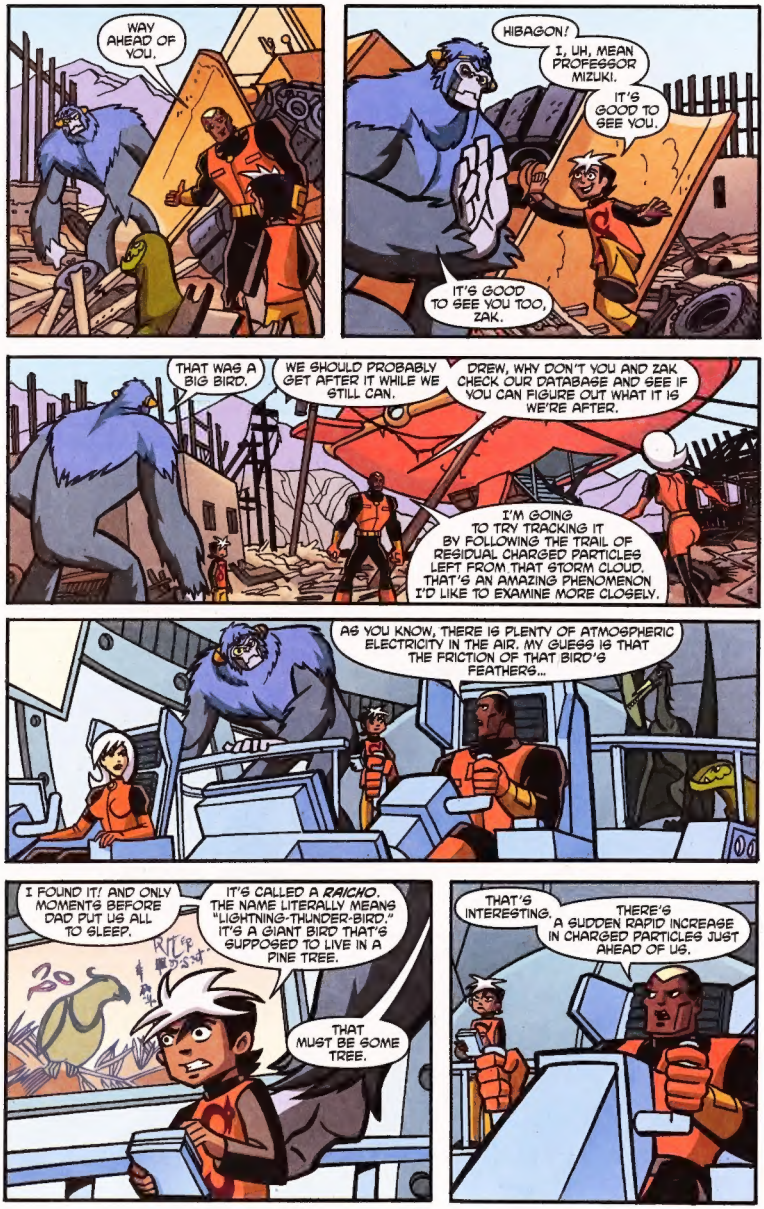

WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INVESTIGATE IF UNUSUAL WEATHER WERE THE CAUSE.
SUPPOSEDLY, SOME SORT OF CREATURE WAS BEHIND ALL OF THIS DAMAGE.
IF THOSE CLAW MARKS ARE ANY INDICATION, WE'RE TALKING ONE ENORMOUS CREATURE.

ALLEGED CLAW MARKS, DREW. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THOSE MARKS, THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE ZAK MIGHT BE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL.
A *FULGURITE*. IT'S SAND THAT'S FUSED TOGETHER INTO GLASS FROM LIGHTNING STRIKING THE GROUND.
WHAT'S THAT, DAD?
AWESOME! CAN I HAVE IT?

BESIDES, ANY CREATURE LARGE ENOUGH TO CAUSE ALL OF THIS DAMAGE WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME GOING UNSEEN OUT HERE. THERE'S NOT MUCH PLACE TO HIDE.
BOOM!
UH, GUYS...

K-KRAK
I'D CALL THAT UNUSUAL WEATHER.
IT'S COMING RIGHT TOWARDS US!
TH'BOOM
WHOAH, DO YOU SEE THAT?
CRUNNCCH
NO OFFENSE, DAD, BUT I THINK WE MAY NEED A LITTLE MORE MUSCLE ON THIS ONE THAN JUST YOU AND YOUR BATTLE GLOVE.


WAY AHEAD OF YOU.
HIBAGON!
I, UH, MEAN PROFESSOR MIZUKI.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, ZAK.
THAT WAS A BIG BIRD.
WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET AFTER IT WHILE WE STILL CAN.
DREW, WHY DON'T YOU AND ZAK CHECK OUR DATABASE AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS WE'RE AFTER.
I'M GOING TO TRY TRACKING IT BY FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF RESIDUAL CHARGED PARTICLES LEFT FROM THAT STORM CLOUD. THAT'S AN AMAZING PHENOMENON I'D LIKE TO EXAMINE MORE CLOSELY.
AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS PLENTY OF ATMOSPHERIC ELECTRICITY IN THE AIR. MY GUESS IS THAT THE FRICTION OF THAT BIRD'S FEATHERS...
I FOUND IT! AND ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE DAD PUT US ALL TO SLEEP.
IT'S CALLED A *RAICHO*. THE NAME LITERALLY MEANS "LIGHTNING-THUNDER-BIRD." IT'S A GIANT BIRD THAT'S SUPPOSED TO LIVE IN A PINE TREE.
THAT MUST BE SOME TREE.
THAT'S INTERESTING.
THERE'S A SUDDEN RAPID INCREASE IN CHARGED PARTICLES JUST AHEAD OF US.

LOOK OUT!
REE-AWK!
FZZZAKK
KRAKATHOOM
THAT STORM CLOUD HAS KNOCKED OUT THE SHIP'S POWER!
WE'RE GOING DOWN!
EVERYONE, GO STRAP YOURSELVES IN!
KKROANNNNNN

IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
THEY SAY ANY LANDING YOU CAN WALK AWAY FROM IS A GOOD ONE.
ZAK! LOOK--- OWWFF
HRRNN!
C'MON, ZON, WE'VE GOT TO GET AFTER THEM!
ZAK!

C'MON, EVERYONE.
IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP ZAK AND PROFESSOR MIZUKI, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET OUR SHIP UP AND RUNNING AGAIN.

SKRASH
THAT'S IT, GIRL! YOU'RE DOING GREAT!

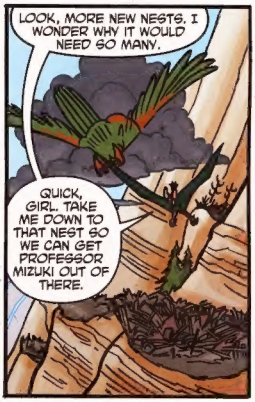
THE DAMAGE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TOO BAD.
I THINK ALL WE NEED IS A BIT OF A JUMP START.
CRASH VOLT

THWOOOOP
WHHHHHHHHRRRRRRRRRRRR

IT'S HEADING FOR THE MOUNTAINS!

DOC, YOU DID IT!
THE POWER'S COMING BACK ONLINE. WE'RE GOOD TO GO.

WOW! THAT'S SOME NEST.
ZON, DON'T GO GETTING ANY IDEAS.
NEW HOMES


LOOK, MORE NEW NESTS. I WONDER WHY IT WOULD NEED SO MANY.
QUICK, GIRL. TAKE ME DOWN TO THAT NEST SO WE CAN GET PROFESSOR MIZUKI OUT OF THERE.

HEY, PROFESSOR, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE RAICHO COMES BACK.
I'M LESS CONCERNED WITH *THAT* RAICHO THAN WITH THE OTHERS.

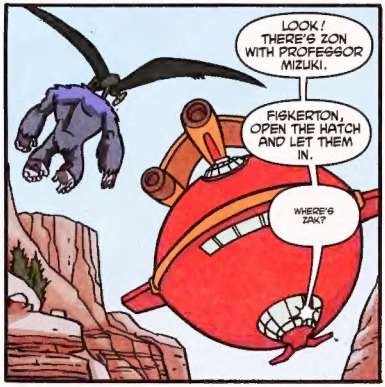
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT OTHERS?

SQUAWK!
OH.

ZON, GET THE PROFESSOR OUT OF HERE.
REEUNK!
DON'T ARGUE!

JUST DO IT!
NICE BIRDIE.

GOOD BIRDIE.
SQUONK!
PLEASE DON'T EAT ME.

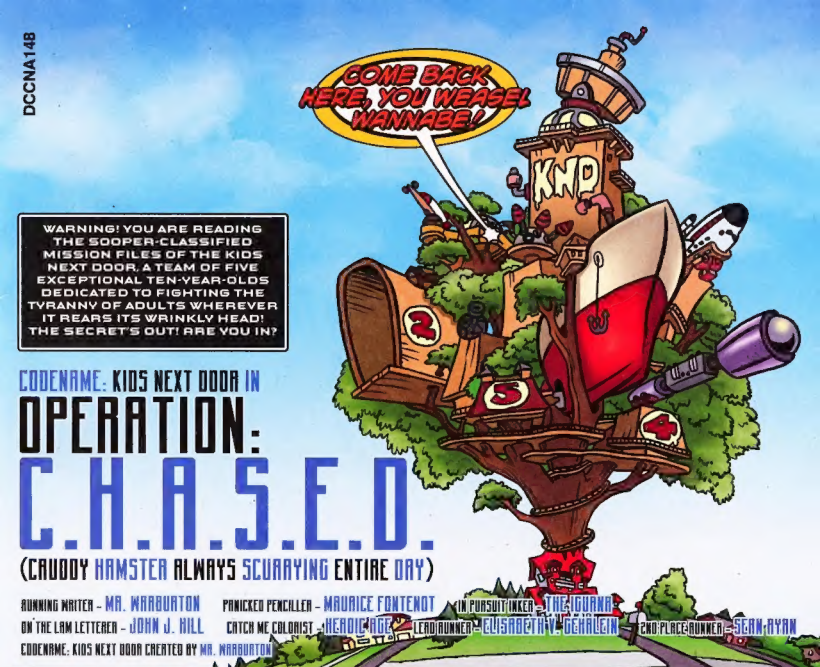

LOOK! THERE'S ZON WITH PROFESSOR MIZUKI.
FISKERTON, OPEN THE HATCH AND LET THEM IN.
WHERE'S ZAK?

I'D SAY OUR SON HAS MADE A NEW FRIEND.

BEFORE YOU ASK, ZAK, THE ANSWER IS "NO." YOU CAN'T KEEP IT.
AW, MOM!
THE RAICHOS WERE USING TREES FROM THE SURROUNDING FOREST TO BUILD THEIR NESTS BEFORE THE DEVELOPERS STARTED CLEAR-CUTTING EVERYTHING.

THE DEVELOPERS CAN'T WIN THIS ONE. AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE TO BUILD, THE RAICHOS WILL TEAR IT DOWN. I PITY THE PERSON WHO HAS TO TELL THEM THEY'RE BETTER OFF REFORESTING THIS AREA.
ALLOW ME. ONE ADVANTAGE ABOUT BEING TRAPPED IN THIS FORM IS THAT I CAN BE HIGHLY... PERSUASIVE.
WHEEEEE!

THE END



WARNING! YOU ARE READING THE SOOPER-CLASSIFIED MISSION FILES OF THE KIDS NEXT DOOR, A TEAM OF FIVE EXCEPTIONAL TEN-YEAR-OLDS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING THE TYRANNY OF ADULTS WHEREVER IT REARS ITS WRINKLY HEAD! THE SECRETS OUT! ARE YOU IN?

CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR IN

OPERATION: C.H.A.S.E.D.

(CRUDDY HAMSTER ALWAYS SCURRYING ENTIRE DAY)

RUNNING WRITER - MR. WARBURTON
ON THE LAM LETTERER - JOHN J. HILL
PANICKED PENCILLER - MAURICE FONTENOT
CATCH ME COLORIST - HEROIC AGE
IN PURSUIT INKER - THE IGUANA
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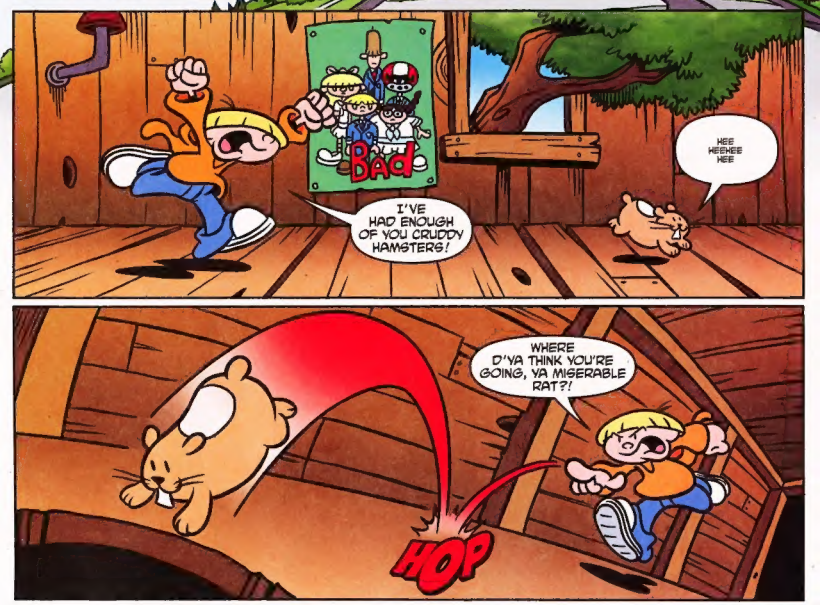
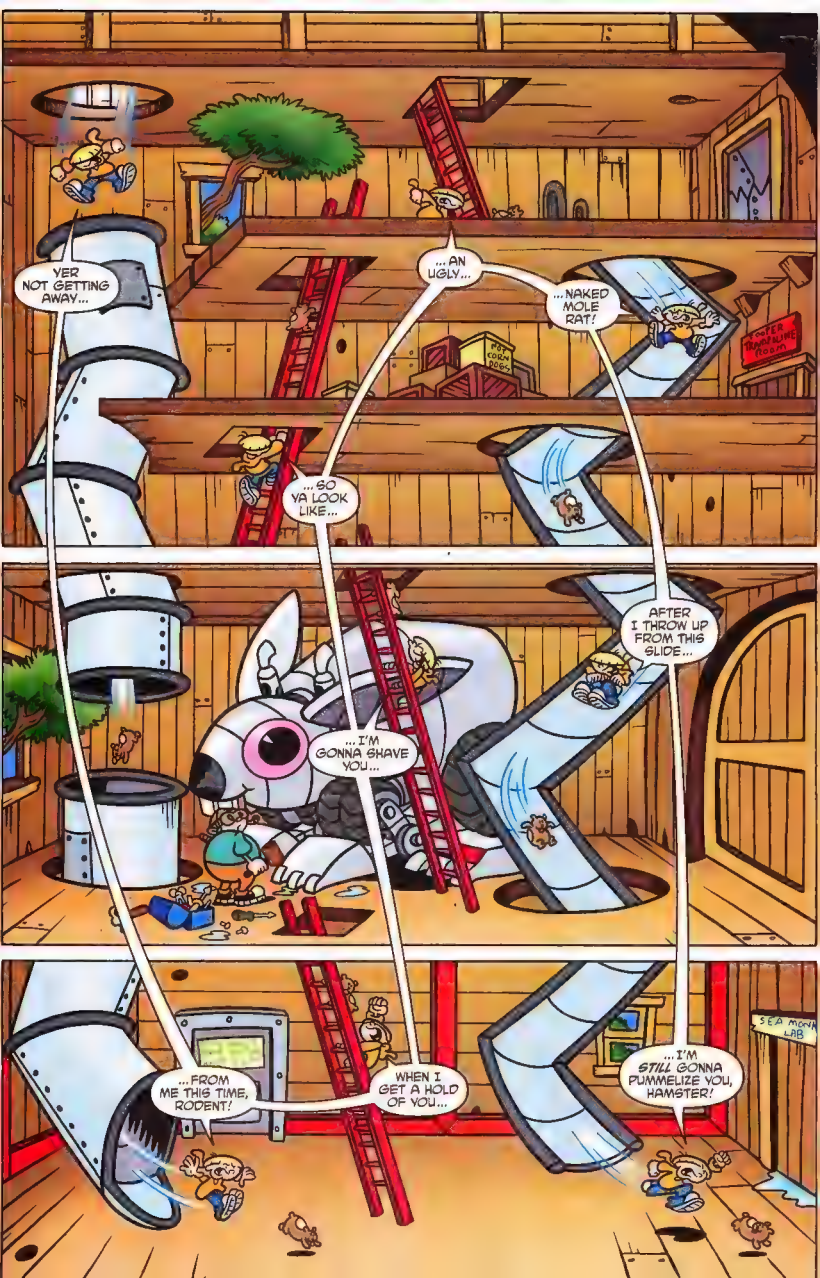
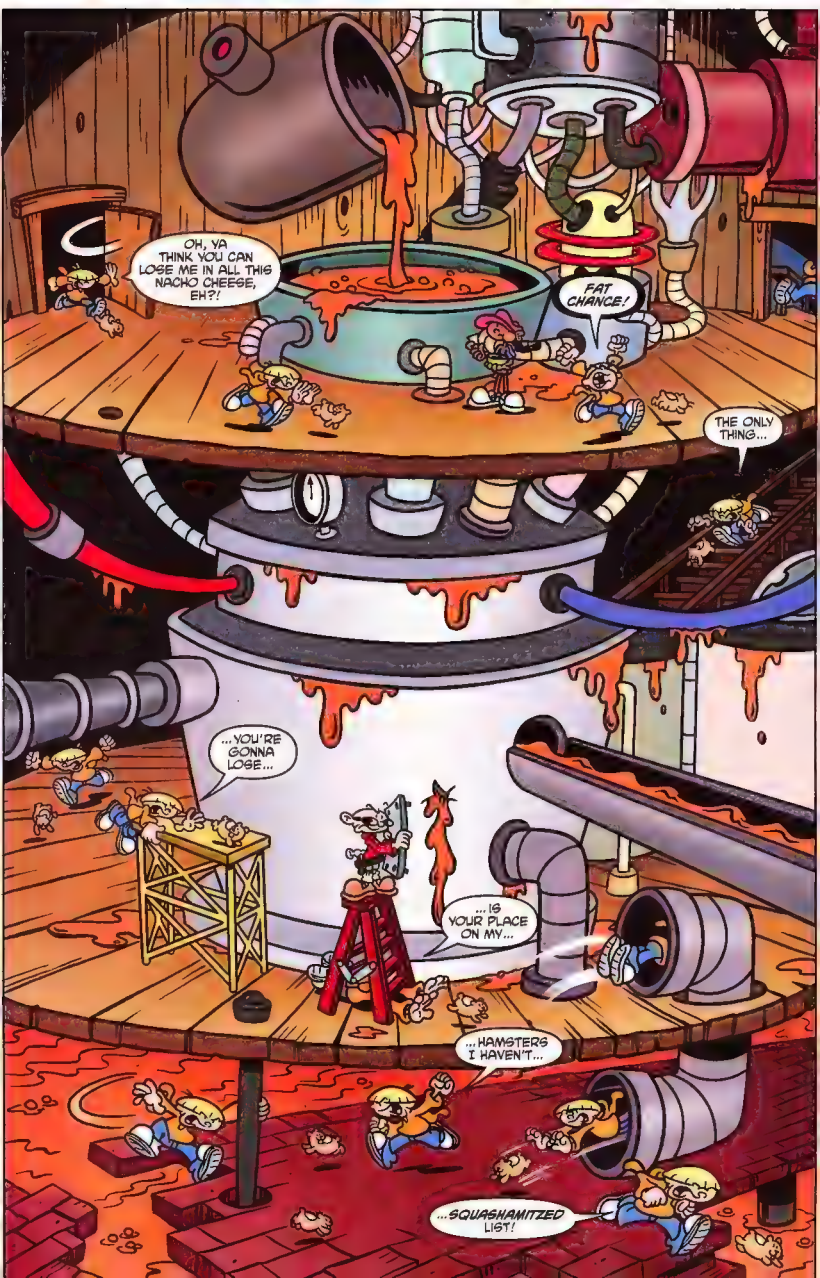



VER NOT GETTING AWAY...
...AN UGLY...
...NAKED MOLE RAT!
...SO YA LOOK LIKE...
AFTER I THROW UP FROM THIS SLIDE...
...I'M GONNA SHAVE YOU...
...FROM ME THIS TIME, RODENT!
WHEN I GET A HOLD OF YOU...
...I'M STILL GONNA PUMMELIZE YOU, HAMSTER!
SEA MONK LAB


OH, YA THINK YOU CAN LOSE ME IN ALL THIS NACHO CHEESE, EH?!
FAT CHANCE!
THE ONLY THING...
...YOU'RE GONNA LOSE...
...IS YOUR PLACE ON MY...
...HAMSTERS I HAVEN'T...
...SQUASHAMITZED LIST!

GET...
...YOUR...
...FURRY...
...BUTT...
...BACK...
STOP!
...EEP.
WHY ARE YOU CHASING THIS POOR DEFENSELESS HAMSTER, NUMBUH FOUR?! WHAT HAS HE EVER DONE TO YOU?!
DEFENSE-LESS?! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT RAT DID TO ME? HE...HE...
YOU KNOW, I TOTALLY FORGOT WHAT IT WAS HE DID.
BUT IF I REMEMBER--YOU'RE HAMSTER TOAST, RODENT! YA HEAR ME?!?
KIK ME I'm DUM!
BWAHAHA HA!
END TRANSMISSION.

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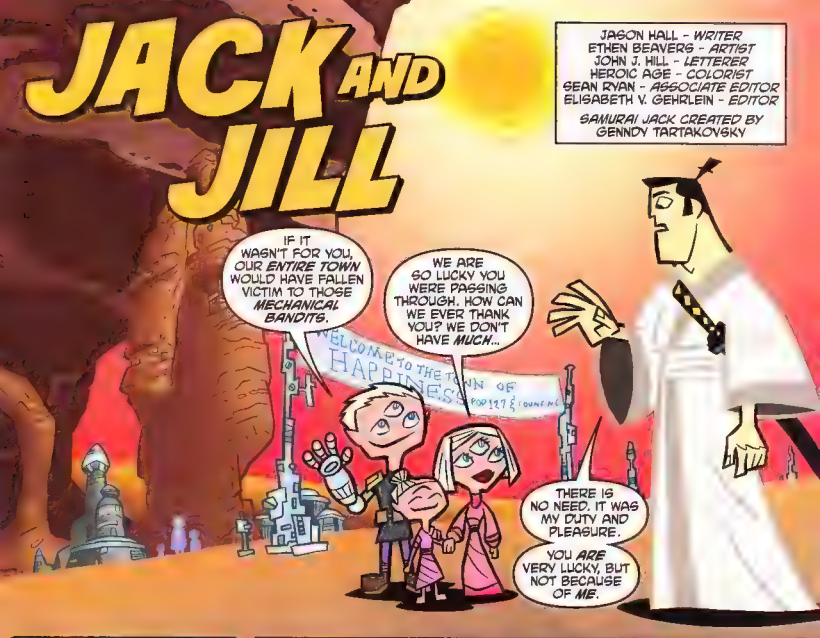
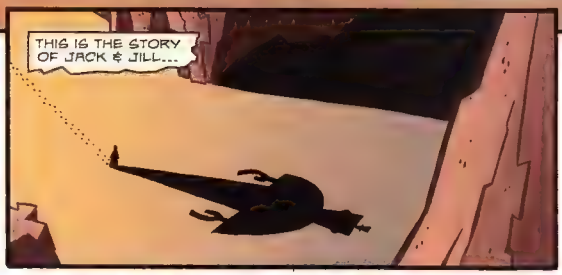
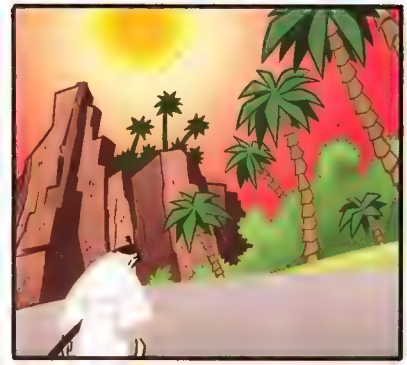
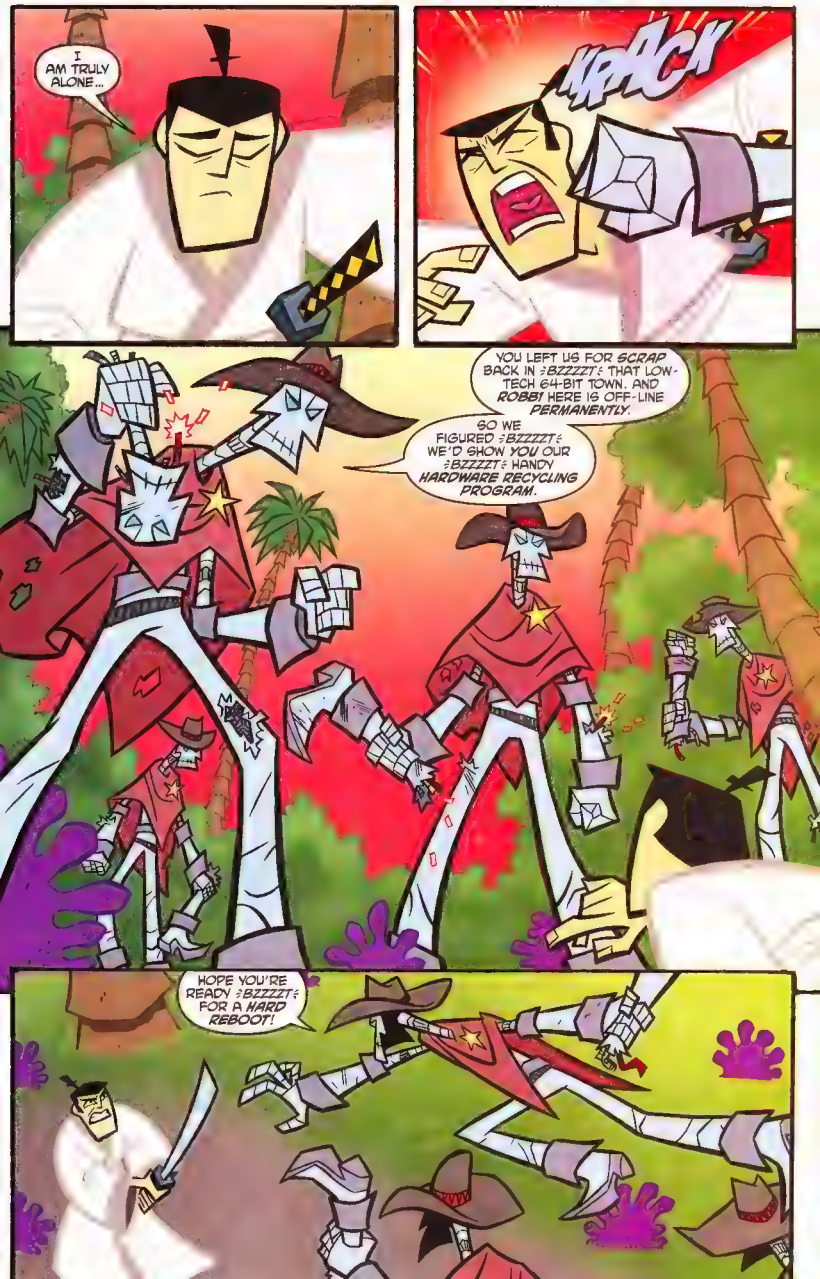

IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, OUR ENTIRE TOWN WOULD HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO THOSE MECHANICAL BANDITS.
WE ARE SO LUCKY YOU WERE PASSING THROUGH. HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU? WE DON'T HAVE MUCH...
WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF HAPPINESS
THERE IS NO NEED. IT WAS MY DUTY AND PLEASURE.
YOU ARE VERY LUCKY, BUT NOT BECAUSE OF ME.

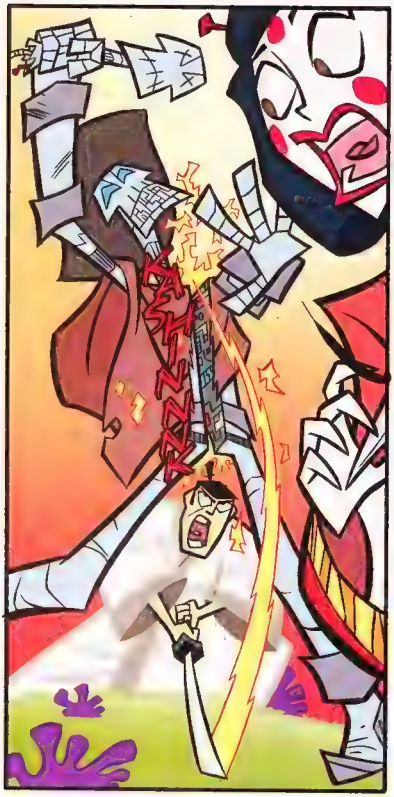





I AM TRULY ALONE...
KRACK
YOU LEFT US FOR SCRAP BACK IN ?BZZZZT? THAT LOW-TECH 64-BIT TOWN. AND ROBBI HERE IS OFF-LINE PERMANENTLY.
SO WE FIGURED ?BZZZZT? WE'D SHOW YOU OUR ?BZZZZT? HANDY HARDWARE RECYCLING PROGRAM.
HOPE YOU'RE READY ?BZZZZT? FOR A HARD REBOOT!

SHHHNK
SHHHNK
BZZZT
KZZZT

SWOOOOOOSH
SHUNK
BZZZT
KILLIA


SHINK

I OWE YOU MY LIFE. WHAT MAY I CALL YOU?

I SEE-- YOU DO NOT SPEAK.
BUT YOUR BEAUTY AND GRACE SPEAK VOLUMES.

THEY CALL ME "JACK"...

AND I SHALL CALL YOU... "JILL."

TIME PASSES...
SEASONS CHANGE...
THESE NASSES BEEN STEALIN' FROM ME ALL MONTH!
FROM NOW ON, YOU NEED FRUIT, YOU COME SEE CECIL, OKAY? NO CHARGE!
AND A BOND FORMS...
I HAVE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TRAPPED HERE IN THIS FUTURE, AWAY FROM EVERYTHING I'VE EVER KNOWN--
--WITH NO ONE TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS. I THOUGHT I WOULD BE FOREVER ALONE.
THEN I MET YOU.
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I WAS SENT HERE, I FEEL LIKE THIS FUTURE IS BEARABLE.
I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A REASON TO STAY. A REASON TO...
NO...

NO!
AKU...?!
WHERE?!
WHY..? WHY?!
BECAUSE I AM THE MASTER OF YOUR DESTINY!
AND AS SUCH, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTOOD A VERY IMPORTANT LESSON...

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE ALONE!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!!
RRAAAGGHH!
BUT I WILL NEVER BE ALONE... AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU.
THIS IS THE STORY OF JACK...
END

Send your letters today:

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

STAR WARS THE CLONE WARS

Hi, I'm Johnny DC, your pal on the page, reading and printing your letters and drawings. I like comics and I like cartoons, too, so I'm looking forward to -- More Jedi Than I Can Handle!! Cartoon Network is treating us to a huge night of back-to-back battles with 3 episodes of STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS. They're kicking it off with "Rookies" on Friday, March 6 at 8:30 pm -- so hit hyperdrive and race me to the TV!

"VV ARGOS1 & MUNYA" BY DASH ROZUM

Dear Johnny DC,

Four Arms is my favorite BEN 10 alien because he is the strongest alien and can beat up any bad guy, even Vilgax or Kevin 11.

Go hero!

Nicholas Richards, age 10
Marietta, Georgia

Have you met Way Big or Humongousaur? — Johnny (Namedropper) DC

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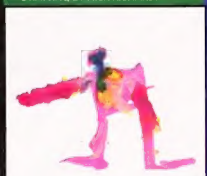

"HEATBLAST" BY SPENCER COLLINS, AGE 5

Dear Johnny DC,

I like CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK. I like to see BEN 10 and BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE because I like all the aliens and Kevin's powers and Alien X in the new Omnitrix.

Jonathan Ramos, age 9
Los Angeles, California

I've said it before (and I'll probably say it again). I enjoy it when you draw a lot of aliens on a page, BUT they print way tiny (see below). Better you draw ONE character large so everyone can see it! — Johnny DC

DRAWING BY JONATHAN RAMOS

Dear Johnny DC,

I was writing because I love CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK/BEN 10. I made up a new mutant Kevin 11 and six Ben 10 aliens of my own:

•Benvilgax – turns into any other vilgax;
•Mental – makes his hand or body turn into any kind of metal or metal thing;
•Muck Monster – shape shifts;
•Snake – stretches his arm to 30 feet and has poisoned bites;
•Hypno – flies and can hypnotize people;
•Nature Creature – turns to any mineral.

P.S. I think you should show some new aliens in BEN 10, like Ditto or Way Big or Eye Guy or someone who you haven't done yet in your comics.

Findlay O. Mulligan, age 10
Newport, Rhode Island

We're doing BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE, now, with its new-and-improved aliens and I'm printing two of your "originaliens" below! — Johnny DC

"HYPNO" BY FINDLAY MULLIGAN

"SNAKE" BY FINDLAY MULLIGAN

Write to Johnny DC!

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Everyone's favorite know-it-all, Psimon, is back and the Science Club will never be the same.

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Why are trolls from a video game raiding the real world? Batman and Blue Beetle find out!

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